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Waukesha Receives High Scores for Quality of Life and Safety

WAUKESHA, Wis.- The City of Waukesha recently surveyed residents through The National Community Survey (The NCS) to better understand the community's needs and perspectives.

The overall quality of life in Waukesha received positive ratings from 8 in 10 residents (81%). A similarly high proportion of residents were pleased with Waukesha as a place to live and to raise children. In addition, most respondents would recommend living in Waukesha to others (82%) and planned to remain in the City for the next five years (85%).

Safety in the City also received high marks with results indicating that residents generally feel safe in Waukesha, contributing to the positive quality of life experienced in the community. About 9 in 10 (91%) reported feeling very or somewhat safe in their neighborhood and in Waukesha's downtown/commercial area during the day. Three-quarters (74%) favorably rated the overall feeling of safety in the City as a whole and reported feeling safe from violent crime and property crime. About 8 in 10 offered excellent or good ratings for the City's fire services (88%), ambulance/EMS services (81%), and fire prevention and education (79%). Police services garnered positive reviews from three-quarters of residents (75%).

"This survey is an important tool for the City of Waukesha as it allows us to compare our performance with that of other Cities and to see areas for growth and improvement," said Shawn Reilly, Mayor of Waukesha. "Together our City Council, employees and residents have established Waukesha as a premier location to live, work and do business."

The NCS was developed by the National Research Center at Polco. This scientific assessment measures community livability according to residents. It captures opinions on the economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, natural environment, inclusivity, engagement, and more.

This is the first time the City of Waukesha conducted The NCS and the City will use these results to measure progress and make data-driven decisions.

"By completing The NCS, the City of Waukesha has demonstrated a commendable commitment to improving life in your community," said Nick Mastronardi, CEO of Polco. "These results will help local leaders take action now and plan for the future."

The full survey results are available on the City's website: <https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/ncs>

The City of Waukesha is an award-winning community located along the banks of the Fox River, 15 miles west of Milwaukee. Waukesha is the seventh largest City in the state with a population of just over 72,000 people. More information about the City of Waukesha is available on the website: <https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/visitors/welcome/about-waukesha.php>